

Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
July 18, 2011 at 7 p.m.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460

Board Members present: Jon Stantz, Dean Bruce, and Cynthia Hyde

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Street Supt. Larry Parrish, Sewage Dept. Supt. Shelley Edwards, Building Supt. Bob Bandy, Sam Hobbs, Jim Baughn and Michael Stanley

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR July 5, 2011 REGULAR MEETING

Jon Stantz motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Cynthia and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Sam Hobbs requested a council member to join the Christmas Board of the Lions Club to help plan the Christmas activities planned for Downtown Spencer. Jon Stantz volunteered to be part of this committee.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPT

Bob Bandy provided an up-to-date report on the permits issued. He offered to provide this every month.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish provided four bids for repairing sidewalks and curbs around the court house on the south and west sides (Market and Main) and a repair to a small area of the east side of the court house. The bids ranged from \$18,460 to \$61,100. When asked by Jon Stantz, Sam Hobbs expressed that he felt the county would be willing to pay half of the lowest bid to repair these sidewalks. Jon said he would like to move quickly on this approval so that the work could be completed in time for the Apple Butter Festival.

Jon Stantz motioned to accept the bid from Arexco for \$18,460, contingent upon the Commissioners agree to pay half. The motion was seconded by Cynthia Hyde and the motion passed 3-0.

Discussion of the issue of visibility problems at a number of locations around town was discussed next. When complaints are made, and owners are addressed, the problems usually are resolved, but they tend to be repeated and require another complaint to get corrected. Larry Parrish requested that the town attorney write a letter to be delivered to the homeowners stating the code and the penalties for not complying. The Council agreed and Richard Lorenz will work on it.

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Street Dept (con't)

Jon Stantz stated that he has a meeting scheduled with INDOT this week regarding the SafeRoutes sidewalk program.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

Two very large adjustments were requested by customers. The first one, in the amount of \$844.01 was approved, the second one in the amount of \$1,421.97 was approved for half (\$710.74). The issue with the 2nd request was that the tenant did not own the property, reported the higher usage to the landlord and the landlord did not respond for a long period of time. The Town Council felt that the landlord was negligent in responding timely to the leak and should not be compensated for this.

Jon Stantz motioned that they approve the application for adjustment for 150 W. Tanner Street in the amount of \$844.01 and also motioned that they approve the application for adjustment for 908

W. Hillside for \$710.74. The motion was seconded by Dean Bruce. After further discussion, the motion was passed 3-0.
Dean added that some wording needed to be changed so that it is clearer as to what period of time an adjustment application covers. Shelley Edwards said he would get with Richard Lorenz to update this.

Dean Bruce motioned that they accept the application for a sewer adjustment for a swimming pool at 1002 Wisconsin for \$36.70. It was seconded by Jon and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Cynthia Hyde discussed the issue that the Fire Territory is not receiving CAGIT money. Margaret Tucker is looking into this, but it will probably not be resolved until the budget process is complete.

IN THE MATTER OF THE TIVOLI PROJECT

A work session was held prior to the regular meeting to discuss the Grant funding application. There will be a public meeting held at Spencer Christian Life Center on Tuesday July 19th.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HMGP GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

Certified letters will go out by Wednesday, July 19th. The bids must be in by July 29th at 4:00 p.m. to be opened at the August 1st regular meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF OUR COMMUNITY BANK KEY TO THE CITY

The Council proposed to adopt a Resolution to recognize Our Community Bank for 25 years of service to the Town of Spencer the week of August 1st through the 5th.

Jon Stantz motioned to adopt Resolution 2011-02 and it was seconded by Cynthia Hyde. The motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Jon Stantz received a phone call concerning a metal recycling business located at the old Winders Building to make sure they have the proper permits to operate the business.

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New Business (con't)

Jon Stantz said that a letter should be sent to the owners of the business concerning their compliance with what they promised at the time they came before the Town Council to do business in Spencer.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Jon Stantz motioned to accept claims as presented, seconded by Dean Bruce and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 8:37 p.m., seconded by Dean Bruce and the motion passed 3-0.

_____ Jon Stantz, President	_____ Cynthia Hyde, Vice-President	_____ Dean Bruce, Board Member
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Attest: _____